

ARRANGEMENTS

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WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON JULY 11, 1921.

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THE arrangements for the cessation of active operations in Ireland as from the 11th of July last were settled by personal negotiation. They were the subject of an honourable understanding and were not embodied in any formal signed agreement. This understanding was interpreted in different terms in the communications issued by the two sides. The respective communications, which are identical in spirit, are as follows:—

G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE.

Mr. de Valera, having decided to accept the Prime Minister's invitation to confer with him in London, is issuing instructions to his supporters—

- (a.) To cease all attacks on Crown forces and civilians.
- (b.) To prohibit the use of arms.
- (c.) To cease military manoeuvres of all kinds.
- (d.) To abstain from interference with public or private property.
- (e.) To discountenance and prevent any action likely to cause disturbance of the peace which might necessitate military interference.

In order to co-operate in providing an atmosphere in which peaceful discussions may be possible, the Government has directed that—

- (a.) All raids and searches by military or police shall cease.
- (b.) Military activity shall be restricted to the support of the police in their normal civil duties.
- (c.) Curfew restrictions shall be removed.
- (d.) The despatch of reinforcements from England shall be suspended.
- (e.) The police functions in Dublin shall be carried out by the Dublin Metropolitan Police.

In order to give the necessary time for these instructions to reach all concerned, the date from which they shall come into force has been fixed at 12 noon, Monday, 11th July, 1921.

THE TERMS AS ISSUED BY SINN FEIN IN THE "IRISH" BULLETIN.

On behalf of the British Army, it is agreed as follows:—

1. No incoming troops, R.I.C., and Auxiliary Police and munitions, and no movements for military purposes of troops and munitions, except maintenance drafts.
2. No provocative display of forces, armed or unarmed.
3. It is understood that all provisions of the truce apply to martial law area, equally with the rest of Ireland.
4. No pursuit of Irish officers or men, or war material or military stores.
5. No secret agents noting descriptions or movements, and no interference with the movements of Irish persons, military or civil, and no attempt to discover the haunts or habits of Irish officers and men. (NOTE.—This supposes the abandonment of curfew restrictions.)
6. No pursuit or observance of lines of communication or connection.
7. No pursuit of messengers. (NOTE.—There are other details connected with courts-martial, motor permits, and R.O.I.R. to be agreed to later.)

On behalf of the Irish Army, it is agreed:—

- (a.) Attacks on Crown forces and civilians to cease.
- (b.) No provocative displays of forces, armed or unarmed.
- (c.) No interference with Government or private property.
- (d.) To discountenance and prevent any action likely to cause disturbance of the peace which might necessitate military interference.